RE TRIES TO DEFEAT THE MER-CANTILE EMPLOYMENT BILL.

His Efforts to Load It with Amendments Thwarted by Large Majorities Cau-tor's Explanation of Gallagher's Part in Thur-day's Rumpus in the Seunts. ALBANY, March 27.—The bill of Assemblyman H. T. Andrews to regulate the employment of women and children in mercantile establishments was advanced to a third reading in the Benate to-day after a long discussion consequent bill and thus defeat its passage. The bill provides that no male under 16 years and no female under 21 shall be permitted to work in any mercantile establishment more than sixty hours in any one week, except during the Christmas No child under 14 years shall be employed in any mercantile establishment. Every shild so employed must have a certificate from the local health authorities that it is more than 14 years and has had at least one year's school-

ing: but a child of 12 years or upward may be

so employed during vacation. The bill is the result of a contest extending over reveral years between certain philanthropic individuals and the shops affected. It is a com promise upon which both interests have agreed, and its passage was recommended by the Reinhard sweat shop investigating committee. It has passed the Assembly. The effect of its amendment by the Senate would be to delay its passage indefinitely, and probably to defeat it. as far as the present session is concerned. Senator Raines did not state his reasons for opposing the bill, but confined his efforts endeavor to pick flaws in its provisions, one of the sections requires that all actions for violation of its provisions shall be begun within thirty days. Senator Raines offered an amendment changing the time to ninety days. The amendment was voted down. The next point to which Raines objected was the provision requiring that any child em-ployed should have had a year's schooling. This, he said, interfered with the compulsory education law. He moved to insert a provision that the compulsory education law should not be affected by the bill. tion law should not be affected by the bill, but the amendment was lost, only Raines and Malby voting for it. The discussion took piace in Committee of the Whole. When the committee rose and the bill was reported favorably, Raines renewed the light. He moved that the bill be referred back to the Judiclary Committee with instructions to insert his amendment. Lexow and Guy opnosed the motion, and it was lost, 5 to 23. Those who voted with Raines were: Coffey, Chahoon, Krum, and Maiby. The bill probably will be passed early next week. Senator Malby succeeded in having his bill relating to the hounding of deer in the Adirondacks amended back to its original form. As introduced, it prohibits hounding at all times; as reported by Committee on Forest, Fish, and Game laws, it permitted hounding for lifteen days in the year.

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There was a faint echo of yesterday's fracas in the senate. Senator Cantor goved to strike from the record the request of Senator Gailagher that he should be relieved as presiding officer. This was lost by a party vote. Senator Cantor their moved to strike out all that part relating to the proceedings of the Senate after it went back into Committee of the Whole with Senator Maiby in the chair. The purpose of this meeting was that the record should not show that the bill to abolish the school trustees in New York city had been advanced to a third reading. Senator Cantor said that this step had been taken after the Democrats left the chamber, which they were compelled to do by the temporary President's usurpation of the Senator's authority. Cantor's motion was less the Cantor's authority. Cantor's motion was less the Cantor's authority. Cantor's motion was

de by the temporary President's usurpation of the Senators' authority. Cantor's motion was lost 9 to 24, a party voic, and the Journal was approved. 8 to 25. Senator Galiagher, the Democrat who was in the chair when the disturbance was in progress yesterday, did not vote on any of these motions. Regarding the attitude of Senator Galiagher in recognizing Republicans in preference to Democrats yesterday, Senator Galiagher was in the chair by courtesy of the Republican majority and was, apparently, desirous of avoiding criticism on the ground that he had taken advantage of his position to favor the minority. Doubtless his refusal to recognize me was due to the belief that I was about to make a dilatory or obstructive motion. In reality I had no such intention. I desired to move a recess in order that the School bill might be taken up later in the day and discussed in a deliberate and orderly manner. Senator Galiagher should have recognized me, and I believe he would have done so had he known the nature of the motion for which I claimed recognition." inown the nature of the motion for whic claimed recognition."

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Benator Guy's, authorizing the Commissioner of
Public Works of New York city to construct a viaduot
over the tracks of the New York and Harlem hallroad connecting Melrose avenue with Webster avenue.
Benator Burne's, prohibiting gas companies in cities
of fewer than 9,000 and more than 20,000 inhabitants
from charging more than \$1.50 per thousand cubic
feet for gas.
Senator Guy's, prohibiting all railroads operating in
cities of more than 1,000,000 inhabitants from charging more than five cents for a continuous ride on their
lines within the city.

A NEW BAINES BALLOT BILL.

Its Object Is to Bring This City More in Line with the Rest of the State. ALBANY, March 27 .- Senator Raines's Ballot bill, which he introduced to-day, revises, he says, the present Raines Blanket Ballot bill, making the bill apply as far as possible to New btain as muc uniformity as possible in the conduct of elec-

tions throughout the State.

The new bill retains the feature of the Rainer law which requires 10,000 voters to obtain official recognition as a party for the purpose of getting a political party column on the official ballot. The Senator, personally, believes the number should be 20,000, but he waived personal preferences and conceded a practically minimum figure, in deference to the wishes of the Mugwumps and 600 Goos. The bill eliminates the feature of the old law which provided that ballots should be attached to the returns. It provides that all protested and invalid ballots shall be sealed up and placed in the hands of the County Clerks and the chiefs of the election bureaus, and the other ballots shall be sealed up in the ballot boxes and left in charge of the officers who have the custody of the boxes for a period of at least six months.

The bill makes the days of registration in New York city and Brooklyn the same as in the other sections of the State. cial recognition as a party for the purpose of

TOOK "MULLIGAN" AND OPIUM. Georgiana Bissell's Romance Has a Chinatown Player.

At an early hour vesterday morning a young woman in tattered clothing and semi-unconscious was found in a hallway at 141 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, and removed to the Bergen street police station. An ambulance surgeon found that she was suffering from the combined effects of liquor and optum, and she was taken to the Sency Hospital. She was so far recovered yesterday as to be able to give a remarkable story of her wanderings during the past few days. She said she was Georgiana Fissell, and that for some time she had been living with her grandfather, George Bissell, and her grandmother at 57 Jackson avenue, Philadelphia. She recently quarrelled with her grandmother, and made up her mindito leave Philadelphia and come on to New York, She started off on Monday morning with a strange man, to whom she had been introduced by a woman friend, and who propised to get her a good position and plenty of money and nice clothes and jewelry. She had only 50 or 60 cents at the time. She and the strange man, she said, arrived at the Forty-second street station on Monday evening, but how they get there direct from Philadelphia she could not explain. They walked from the station for about ten minutes, and then called at a saloon, where they had each three drinks, her's being mixed ale. Her companion, she said, when the last drink was served, took a small vial from his pocket and goured some of its contents, which he called "mulligan." Into her class. She noticed that the ale tasted very sweet. They then walked a considerable distance, going rast a park and a graveyard, until finally they reached a narrow street, which was crowded with Chinamen. She was escorted into a small frame house, and went into a room on the second floor in which there were two beds and a lounge. Two girls and a man were amoking, and she remembered, strange to say, to have seen both the girls in Philadelphia. The girls invited her to smake, telling her that opium was good for the complexion, and she consented. She remembered nothing until the morning, when she found that her Philadelphia friend had disappeared. She touched the pire a second time, and then everything became a blank to her until she was restored to consented. She remembered nothing until the morning when she found that her Philadelphia friend had disappeared. She touched the pire a second time, and then everything became a blank to her until she was restored to consented. She remembered nothing until the morning when she found that her Philadelphia and got some to Browklyn. Police Captain Camphell communicate living with her grandfather, George Bissell, and her grandmother at 57 Jackson avenue.

He Superintends Bryant Park.

Col. George Bliss's right-hand man in the Twenty-fifth Assembly district. Andrew Peddie, has been cared for by the Park Board. He wears the title of Superintendent of Bryant Park, and is on the rulls of the department as a foreman at a salary of \$1,200.

TROUBLE IN BROADWAY ALLEY. Mr. Talliyer Cut in a Scrap with " Big Sta '

There was trouble at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the tenement at 3 Broadway alley. The alley runs from Twenty-sixth to Twentyseventh street and is midway between Third and Lexington avenues. It is not more than ten feet wide, and the tenants of the houses are chiefly negroes. Richard Gray, a colored laborer, lives on the fourth floor at No. 3 with his common-law wife, Stella. They also have a boarder. She is Catherine McDonald, a white woman, weighing nearly 300 pounds, with a fondness for mixed ale. She has acquired the sobriquet of "Big Six." She got this some time ago when, with a mixed ale jag backed up by her 300 pounds, she engaged the undivided attention of six policemen, who had all they could do to get her to the station house. George Talliver, another colored laborer, has a room across the hall.

At 11:30 o'clock Miss McDonald went across the hall to Talilver's door and began to make a disturbance. Talliver came to the door and told the woman to go away. Miss McDonald refused, and Talliver knew better than to try to remove her himself. So he shouted to her land-

"Mr. Gray, I want you ter take dis bo'der of yo's away. She am raisin' too much muss hyar," said Mr. Talliver.

Mr. Gray, coming to his door, shouted back; "My bo'der's all right, Mr. Talliver, an' I

"My bo'der's all right, Mr. Tailiver, an' I want yer ter leave her whar she am. An' if yer don' laik dat, Mr. Tailiver, yer kain lump it.

"Go sook you'sef," returned Mr. Tailiver, or something to that effect.

Mr. Gray responded to this repartee in a manner appropriate to the occasion. As Mr. Tailiver was just going to do something in revenge, he was grabbed from behind by Miss McDonaid and heid fast. Mrs. Gray, who had been standing in her doorway, darted across the hall and helped Miss McDonaid. Then Mr. Gray whipped something sharp out of his pocket and jabbed Mr. Tailiver in the head with it.

"Help, Police's Murder!" roared Mr. Tailiver.
"Help, I'm daid."
In an instant the thirty other tenants in the house rushed out of their rooms into the hails. Tailiver had broken loose from Miss McDonaid and Mrs. Gray, and started to run down stairs with the blood spouting from an artery which had been severed in his head. Policemen Rink and Stephens of the East Twenty-second street station, who had heard the commotion, ran to the place.

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They were surrounded by the tenants, and it looked for a few minutes as if more cutting might be indulged in when they started to arrest Miss McDonaid and Mrs. Gray. The policemen hinted to the crowd that if there was to be any more trouble they should take an active part in making it.

The crowd took the hint, and the policemen took the two women, Gray, who was found hiding under a pile of dirty clothes, and Talliver to the station house. Talliver was sent to Helievue Hospital in an ambulance, where his wounds were dressed.

Later all four appeared before Magistrate Hospital in the Yorkville Court. Gray told the Magistrate that he had struck Talliver with an iron bar in self-defence. The three prisoners were held in \$500 ball each for examination today, when Dr. Ayers of Believue Hospital will announce whether Mr. Talliver's wound was inflicted with a knife or a bar.

"RING-DROPPING GAME."

Bartender Cavanagh Identifies One of the Men Who Swindled Ilim.

Patrick Cavanagh, who in the language of the crooks would be described as "an easy mark," went to Police Headquarters yesterday and told how three men had swindled him on March 2, in John Ellard's saloon at 1,180 Madison avenue, where he is employed as bartender, by the "ring-dropping game." Cavanagh had been summoned to Headquarters to look at three men arrested at Third avenue and Twelfth street by Central Office Detectives Price and O'Donahue on Thursday night. The prisoners were John Lee, alias Pike, William Pike, and William Hunt, alias Yorkey. Cavanagh didn't recognize the Pikes, but identified Hunt as one of his despoilers. Then he told Captain O'Brien how he was swindled.

There were three men in the game. For clearness' sake they may be designated as A. B. and C. A came into the saloon first, had a glass of beer, and sat down to a consideration of some free lunch at a small table. While he was decreasing the saloon's profits in large mouthfuls. B entered, had a glass of beer at the bar, and ward C came in, swallowed a hasty drink, and as he was going out picked something up from the floor. Back came is in great excitement. "I've dropped a diamond ring here some-where," said he. "It's worth a good \$100 and it was my dead sister's. Did you see anything of the backed through

was my dead sister's. Did you see anything of it?" he asked Cavanagh.

"No. I haven't seen it." said the bartender.

"If you dropped it here it must be here now."
Careful search failed of any result, naturally enough, and the man finally said:

"Well, I'd like to pay \$50 to get that ring back. Suppose I leave that amount with you as reward for the return of the ring, Mr. Barkeeper."

as reward for the return of the ring, Mr. Bar-keeper."
"I don't want your money," replied Cavanagh,
"If the ring's found, you'll get it back."
So B went out, after telling Cavanagh that
he was a district superintendent in the Street
Cleaning Department, and assuring him that
the \$50 reward was open any time. Then up
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"That fellow that went out got the ring. I saw him pick it up. Sh! Here he is, now."

C had returned for another drink. Cavanagh asked him if he had found a ring. He cautiously admitted that he might have found some such article.

"Ill give you a V for it," said the barkeeper.
"It belongs to one of my good customers."

You can have it for \$10," said C, and this amount was finally paid.

As was proper under the circumstances C bought a drink before he went. A was about to follow when Cavanagh, looking at the ring, suddenly came to the conclusion that there was less sparkle to it than there should be. He grabbed A and yelled for the police. When arrested the man gave his name as levier. Nothing could be proved against him, so he was discharged, but was afterward held for trial for swindling a coal dealer by the same game.

Hunt, alias Yorkey, whom Cavanagh identified yesterday, is the C of the triangular game. The police expect to find victims who have been swindled by the other two prisoners, the Pikes.

Newsboys His Audience.

Frank Lincoln, the humorist, entertained 150 newsboys for nearly two hours last evening in the Newsboys' Lodging House at 9 Duane street. Mr. Lincoln told them funny stories sang comic songs, and gave a number of character sketches and imitations. The audience was thoroughly appreciative. They were also was thoroughly appreciative. They were also critical. When Mr. Lineoln told a story or sang a song or gave an imitation which struck the boys' fancy they applianded him to the echo. When an effort failed to interest them the slience was awful—especially to Mr. Lineoln, Mr. Lineoln's imitations of the various domes-Mr. Lincoln's imitations of the various domes-tic animals were especially well received. When he imitated the buzzing of a mosquito a small boy who was sitting in the rear of the room remarked to his companion:

"Say, Chim, dat feller must come from Cherser, where dey grows dem tines. Honest, he does de trick better'n de bug itself. If I wasn't onto der game I'd look fur de ting to swat it."

A Railroad Swindler in the West.

CHICAGO, March 27 .- A young, clerical-looking man, who passed as C. L. Thomas, an employee of the passenger department of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, is in jail on the charge of forging orders for free and reduced transportation in the name of H. A. Riddle, general pastation in the name of H. A. Riddle, general pas-senger agent of that road. When General Pas-senger Agent Chariton of the Alton line received the forged request vesterday he suspected it was not genuine, and, ascertaining by wire that a forgery had been committed, he set a trap in which Thomas was caught. Then it developed that the Chicago and Northwestern and Santa Fé roads had been victimized by the same forgery, and that attempts had also been made to get transportation from the Burlington and Great Western lines.

The New England Leases the Rockville

ROCKVILLE, Conn., March 27.-The Rockville Railroad was leased by the New England Railroad Company this afternoon. The lease is for no specific length of time and may be terminated at a month's notice.

The Joint Traffic Association Suit. Argument in the injunction suit of the United States vs. the Joint Traffic Association was again postponed yesterday and a percaptory hearing set for April 21 before Judge Wheeler.

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CONSOLIDATION HEARINGS.

STRONG PROPOSES TO INVITE WURS-

TER OVER HERE And to Go to Brooklyn Himself and Henr What the Boys There Say He Voted for Consolidation Warster Will Keep Folks Guessing Gleason for the Bill,

bill from Albany yesterday morning. He has fifteen days from last Thursday in which to hold public hearings and act on the bill. Regarding the hearings, he said: "I shall try to have the hearings in Brooklyn and this city arranged for alternate days, so that I can hear the arguments presented for and against the bill in Brooklyn and Mayor Wurster can hear the arguments in this city. I want to hear not only what is said here, but I

Mayor Strong received the Greater New York

want to hear what the boys over the bridge may have to say. "I think we shall have several bearings, if necessary, in New York, and hold them in the Aldermen's chamber, so that everybody who has anything to say may have a chance to say it. I think that Mayor Wurster will agree to

the arrangement. Will you include Mayor Gleason of Long Island City in your plan of public hearings?" "Yes," answered the Mayor, "I shall be glad o arrange with representatives from all the

to arrange with representatives from all the localities affected."

"What do you think is the general sentiment toward the bill?

"Many of the best of the boys over the bridge are in favor of the bill," said the Mayor, "and idon't think that there is reality any very strong opposition to it here. Of course, there are a few who are opposed to it. I do not quite know how the feeling is in Staten Island, Jamaica, and Flushing. From the election returns of November's year ago in the latter place but a fourth voted on the proposition and It was defeated by 234 votes only. Corporation Counsel Scott was opposed to consolidation in so far at was related to those outlying districts. I don't know how he feels about it now."

"How shout vourself, Mr. Mayor,"

"I voted for consolidation, but beyond that I do not care to say anything as to my ideas on the matter. I will invite Mayors Wurster and Glesson to the hearings in this city. We will probably hold ours in the middle of next week

do not care to say anything as to my ideas on the matter. I will invite Mavors Wurster and Gleason to the hearings in this city. We will probably hold ours in the middle of next week in the Aldermen's chamber.

"I think," said the Mayor, in conclusion, "that a large majority of our citizens and those of Brooklyn are in favor of consolidation." Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn says that he will give several public hearings on the bill before he sends it back to Albany. He would not say whether he would approve of the bill or not, morely remarking: "Well, I'll keep them all guessing." The anti-consolidationists are confident, however, that he will veto the bill.

The bill is strongly endorsed by Mayor Gleason of Long Island City, "Regardless of what action the Mayors of New York and Brooklyn take upon the bill," he said yeaterday, "I shall approve of it. As a part of New York the population of Long Island City will increase rapidly, and we shall get a lower tax rate considering the increased value of property. Our extensive water front will be an advantage to New York."

OBITUARY.

Wright Holcomb, a well-known lawyer of this city and an ex-Assemblyman, died yesterlay at St. Vincent's Hospital of Bright's disease. He had been in ill health for several rears. He was born at Westboro, N. Y., in 1843, and was a cousin of United States Senator Silas Wright. After graduation at Union College in 1864, Mr. Holcomb took up the practice of law in this city. He was for many years a member of the firm of Holcomb, Martin & Well. Since its dissolution he has had offices at 40 Chambers street. He was unmarried and lived at the Hotel St. Stephen until he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, about six weeks ago. He was a member of the Assembly in 1891, and was again a candidate last year, but was defeated by a small majority. He was a delegate to the last Constitutional Convention. Within a few years Mr. Holcomb had been converted to the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Catholic and Iroquois clubs and of the Union College Alumin Association of this city. He leaves a brother, Dr. Holcomb of Whitehall.

Mrs. Louisa A. Powell, aged 90 years, died College in 1864, Mr. Holcomb took up the prac-

Whitehail.

Mrs. Louisa A. Powell, aged 90 years, died at Newburgh on Thursday. Her husband was a son of Thomas Powell, the famous steamboat man of the Hudson River. Thomas Powel Fowler, President of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad, and Francis R. Culbert, a director of the same company, are nephew and grandson respectively. Mrs. Powell died at the home of Mrs. H. P. Culbert, her daughter. Mrs. Sebring Fowler, her sister, who is Thomas Powell Fowler's mother, survives her, and lives in New Jorsey.

Auguste Bohn. Jr., district superintendent of

New Jersey.

Auguste Bohn, Jr., district superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department, died of pneumonia on Thursday last, at the age of 29 years. Mr. Bohn was born in New Orleans, and was appointed "a detailed sweeper" on Jan. 18, 1895. He distinguished himself in the campaign against trucks and in cleaning up the Five Points region. He secured rapid promotion, and in last September was made a district superintendent.

superintendent,

Francis R. Fava, Jr., son of Baron Fava, the
Italian Ambassador, and professor of mathematics and engineering at the Columbian University, died of consumption in Washington
yesterday. He was 36 years old and an only
child. Fifteen years ago the title of Baron was
conferred upon him by the King of Italy. For
the last six years he has been one of the most
conspicuous architects in Washington.

Adrien G. Funk died at his home in Stanle. superintendent.

Adrien G. Funk died at his home in Stapleton, S. I., on Thursday night of apoplexy. He was 35 years old. He was one of the leaders of the Staten Island Independent Democratio movement, and in 1894 be got on foot investi-

the Staten Island Independent Demogratio movement, and in 1894 be got on foot investigations of political frauds which led to the indictment and conviction of a number of persons. He leaves a wife and three children, The Rev. John Cochran, a retired Methodist minister, died on Wednesday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, at 71 Hancock street, Brooklyn, aged 76. He had been steward of the Homeopathic State Hospital at Middletown for the past twenty years.

Max Feldmeier died suddenly on Wednesday of heart disease at his home, 3446 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, in his sixtieth year. He had been engaged in the stock broscrare business at 43 Exchange place for several years. He leaves a widow and three children.

Dr. Joseph Beals, 74 years old, well known as

a widow and three children.

Dr. Joseph Beals, 74 years old, well known as a dentiat in Greenfield, Mass., for nearly half a century, and President for many years of the New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association, at Lake Pleasant, died yesterday of consumption. Count Mortera, leader of the Cuban reform

HENRIETTA MARRIN'S PLIGHT. Why a Young Widow Wanted to Kill

Herself. Henrietta Marrin, 32 years old, whose husband died three weeks ago, made an attempt yesterday morning to throw herself from a Brooklyn Elevated Railroad train while it was approaching Alabama avenue station. Jumping from her seat in the car, she ran to the back platform, and was climbing over the railing when seized by Brakeman Jim Quinn, She struggled hard to free herself, and declared that she was tired of life and wanted to kill her-self. It was with much difficulty she was forced back into the car. She was handed over to a policeman and taken to the Liberty avenue

Mrs. Marrin and her husband lived in a neat Mrs. Marrin and her husband lived in a neat little cottage at 7 Shaw avenue, Union Courss, which they furnished on the lastallment plan. All the money they had saved was spent during her husband's illness, and when he died the widow's condition became desperate. On Thursday the company from which the furniture had been purchased had it removed, and yesterday morning she left her cheerless abode determined to end her misery. She will now probably be cared for by some charitable society.

Five Persons Try to Kill Themselves in St. Louis, and Three Succeed.

Sr. Louis, March 27. Of five attempts at sui cide here yesterday, three were successful. John . Hassinger, aged 24, married three months ago, took posson at his mother's home and died August Miller, a cooper, aged 45, married,

took poison without effect at 4:39 P. M., and then shot himself fatally. He had failed in denies. George Weise, a cooper, aged 35 and unmar-ied, killed himself with poison at his home. He ad been accused of their, and preferred death to diagrace.
Joseph Fouser, a scenic artist, aged 32 and
married, took laudanum, but was pumped out.
Bella Lyons a disreputable woman, nock carbolle acid and fought off the doctors till she was
strapped to a table, when she was relieved.

Michael Hines Kills Hinself. Michael Hines, of 514 Paterson avenue, West Hoboken, committed suicide at his home, at 10 o'clock last night, by cutting his throat with a o'clore last aight, by cutting and through the razor. He quarrelied with his wife during the day, and she swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging him with Hi-treatment. When she returned she found him dead.

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Two BROADWAY STORES: At Canal Street, Open this Evening.

BATTLE OF THE BLUES. Daford and Cambridge Oarsmen to Meet

To-day. LONDON, March 27.-The Oxford and Camorldge crews which will contest the university race to-morrow concluded their practice at Putney at noon to-day. Oxford made some spurts of two minutes each, going well, but the men appeared to be overworked. In their practics work with a scratch crew of the Leander Rowing Club the latter sometimes held the ad-

The Cambridge men practised starts and minute spuris. The men were very active and rowed with great power. The race will be started at 12:45 o'clock in the afternoon. The betting is 6 to 4 on Cambridge.

The premier aquatic event on the English

schedule takes place over the historic course on the Thames from Putner to Mortlake to-day. The outlook was never brighter for a neck-and-The outlook was never brighter for a neck-andneck struggle, as the rival blues from Oxford
and Cambridge are admittedly well matched.
The betting favors Cambridge, but many conservative critics believe that the Oxford combination will repeat last year's victory.
Since the now historic series began, Oxford
has won twenty-nine and Cambridge twentytwo races, the contest in 1877 resulting in a
dead heat. The first contest between the two
big English varsities was at Henley in 1820.
The rivals met again in 1836 over a course from
Westminster to Putney. It was not until 1843
that the rivals decided to race from Putney to
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Cambridge forced the light blue into prominence over the present course by scoring three consecutive wins. The Oxford men responded in equally impressive fashion, and the honors alternated until 1861, when Oxford took the blue ribbon and clung to it for nine years. The Cambridge men began to get in their fine work a year later, and were presimient for five years. Alternate wins found the balance fairly even in 1877, when the rivals furnished a national sensation by rowing a dead heat.

Five straight wins for Oxford kept the light blues in the shade until 1884, when Cambridge won. Oxford scored next time, but the Cantaght.

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Since 1890 the dark blue of Oxford has floated. Since i 890 the dark blue of Oxford has floated triumphant, and the inuscular amateurs who sport the dark blue have the further honor of making the best on record over the course, 18 minutes 47 seconds, on March 22, 1893. Twenty minutes has only been beaten on two other occasions, but Thames watermen take little stock in the time test, and for that reason the London half-holiday folk will be on the favorites to-day for all they can raise. Cambridge's victory on track and field yesterday may be halled as a happy omen, but plungers on the chance of the Cantabs will have no difficulty in finding heavily freighted Oxford admirers at every point from Putney to Mortiake.

The crews in their order and weight will be practically as follows:

OXFORD.

OXFORD. J. J. De Knoop, New, bow. Philips, New Sherwood, Magdalen, Burnell, Magdalen, Paifour, University

Game, First Trinity
endington, Caus
Bonsey, Lady Margaret
A. Bieber, Trinity Hail
G. Duncanson, Emmanue J. G. Funcanson, Emmanuel
S. Hell, Trinity Hail
J. J. Fernie, Trinity Hall, stroke
R. Paget Tomiinson, Trinity Hall, corswain

Boston, March 27.—Jake Schaefer and Maurice Daly played a match of 500 points cushion carroms at Murlocks of 250. The first half was in the afternoon

The Students of the New York University

The Athletic Association of the New York University held its first annual gymnastic exhibition last night. The results were: Club swinging, St. John. '99; tun bling, Tompkins, '95; rope climbing, Pennington,
'99; parallel bars, Valentine, '98; long borse, St.
John, '99; fence vault, Campbell, '98; horizontal bar, John, 198; feme vault Campbell, '98; horizontal bar, lompains, 198.

The meda's for the best all-around gymnasts were awarded as follows: First, Campbell, 187 points; second, Tompkins, 121 points; third, Herman, 120 points, The one mille relay race, over a twenty-lap track, between the freshmen and seniors, resulted in a victory for the freshmen.

The Latest Sport on Ice.

The first game of broom ball ever played in this city was decided at the Ice Palace Skating Rink last night was decided at the Ice Palace Skating Rink last night. The game was Elayed by two teams of seven men each from the Ice Palace Polo Club, who used a broom to drive a large rubbler ball through a goal.

Considerable interest was manifested in the game by the spectators, and at one time the place rang with laughter when the teams mistook the referee's hat for the ball. After two halfs of fifteen minutes each neither alde was able to score.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 27. - The Democrats have entered the litigation which was begun by the Republicans some time ago to set aside all the apportionment laws passed since the adop-

Gerrymander Litigation in Indiana,

the apportionment laws passed since the adoption of the present Constitution in 1851. The
entrance into the case is by way of a motion
asking the Supreme Court to dismiss the case
now in that court on the ground that the parties, plaintiff and defendant, have a common
interest in the suit, and no real issue is presented. The motion is accomplished by an affidavit
by Chairman Holt of the Democratic State
Central Committee, charging that the suit was
brought at the instance of the Republican committee and a member of that committee is made
defendant.

JOITINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Gen. Collis is sick at home with a hevay cold. A man about 35 years old was found drowned yesterday at the foot of East Nineteenth street. Frank Rochel, 35 years old, steward of the tug loat Katle D., fell overheard off Bedlow's Island esterniar and was drowned. Carmilla Forterilla, a four-year-old girl living at 0 Prince street, was badly burned yesterday by ar clothing taking fire from a fruit vender's fur-

The Syracuse University give, banje, and manifolin habe will give a concert in calvary Methodist Epis-copal Church, 179th strest and heccurh avenue, on londay evening next. The jury in the case of Undertaker John J. Chacht, who sued Jacob Leuly for \$50,000 for illenating lies. Schacht's affections, will retorn a calcul verdict this moving in Justice Giegerich's ourt.

Sourt.

Alexander Degios, who arrived from France on March 11, shot himself in the head early yester-lay in Breadway, at Thirty-seventh street, because a couldn't get work. He was taken to the New York Hospital, where it is thought he will recover. Hirry Kendall, 21 years old, of 66 Hast lines tref, who was consisted before Judge No reger in the General Residues of highway rathe as semignosed yesterday to fifteen years in in mon. Kendall held up believe theuter at his The Excise Board yesterday refused a license of a hotel of Sixty stath street and Lexington average to Alvin Websell, The place was fermerly a doon run by James Borris, but the license could of be received on account of the proximity of the much of St. Vincent Ferrer and the pare-that hoof at Sixty-fifth street and Lexington avenue.

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THINGS IN THE THEATRE.

AMATEURS MAKE SPORT OF "THE PRISONER OF RENDA."

Some Rifts in the Gleom of War Plays-A Glectul Villain to "The Last Stroke" -The Auschronisms in "Cuba Free,"

The characters in "The Prisoner of Zenda" vers abroad last night in a guise which neither their creator nor the readers of Mr. Hope's novel would have been likely to recognize They were settled on the stage of the Carnegie Lyceum, and, while some of their familiar traits were present, much in their conduct and appearance showed them to have degenerated sadly since the unblic made their acquaintance first. Neither Edward Sothern nor James Hackett, or probably even the distant George Alexander ever embodied the wandering Rassendyll with such an abundant crop of vermilion bair as his representative last night rora. Nor did ever such a flery-haired Flacia bow her head and say: "The King can do no wrong, if love were all." It might also be safely said that no Princess ever before rumbled out those words in the deep bass voice of the young man who last night incorporated the aeroine of the novel. The actors were members of Company I of the Seventh Regiment, and Guy W. Carryl had travestied the story under the name of "The Poisoner of Zenda." It was unfolded through the instrumentality of the blackest Michael that could be imagined, for his clothes, his gloves, his hair and his beard were all as black as his character; an Antomette de Mauban, six feet tall, broad chested and deep volced. and addicted to rather intorious skirt dancing; and a yellow-haired Rupert Hentzou in pale blue trousers with a Lord Fauntieroy colffure. Mr. Caryll, in perverting the story, wrote some bright lines and apt rhymes, of which this chorus is the best example:

Blow the fife and sound the trumpet.
Grasp the deep trombone and pump it,
And the big bass dram and thump it,
In a kind of loyal manus
For the King of furitania.
So we lay aside our shyness,
So we demonstrate our flyness,
Enouting loousy for his liganess
Hudolph Hex of Ruritania.

Enouing lounty for his fliguress.
Rudolph Hex of Ruritania.

Not all of the rhyme was good as this, but there was frequent sparkle in the speeches and a lively patter in most of the lyrice sung to the folk music of the kingdom of Ruritania which seemed to bear a striking resemblance to some tunes that are popular here, such as "Paradise Alley" and "Honrietta." Florid first won the heart of Rusendyll in ret and yellow checked bloomers, and they rode on the stage mounted on a wheel which she managed with exceptional virtuosity. The King drank a bottle of ink which Michael had given him; the conspirators plotted to the tune of "Linger Longer Lucy;" the bogus King sat on the throne while the real one crept under it, and in various ways Mr. Hope's romanes suffered comic desceration at the hands of the amateurs. Some of them expressed the humor of the burlesque with facility, and there was a chorus of Zenda madens with strong voices and muscular caives. These various figures in the burlesque were all tastefully dressed, and they sang and acted, all of them, with the enthusiasm and fervor of amateurs. So the characters last night were diverting in their novel form.

There is a little third act in the Cuban was

play, "The Last Stroke," which is remarkable in its way. It seems to be a little act, because it is quiet, light-hearted, and merry compared to the other acts, in which the heavy artillery of the play, as it were, is always thundering yet in this third act occurs a series of small events of the utmost importance, for without them there would be no fourth act, and everything that has gone before would be futile The villain pervades this act. There are but few moments when he is not stealing across the stage, pursuing his always successful little designs with Mephistophelean laughter; and during those other moments he is standing behind portifers and holding forth an arm which presents either a dagger or a pistol to the gaze of semebody who is being terrifled for a purpose. In the midst of this the comic characters come into special prominence, the soubrette and the sergeant make love to each other in ludicrous scenes, the United States Consul gets into serious difficulties in a comical way, even the Spanish woman who is in mortal dread of the villain all this time becomes amusing, and the audience enjoys itself very much. Meanwhile the serious business of the play is going forward as fast as ever, if not so furiously as in the first and second acts, and the hero becomes hopelessly but unconsclously involved in the circumstances which are to convict him of treachery and come near resulting in his death. The secret drawing and the heroine's photograph get into his pockets by different means, and he fatuously rushes up into the tower just at the moment when his presence there will be sure to fasten upon him the suspicion of having given the false signal. All this causes great give to the villain, and this in turn cultivates a joy in the audience; for everybody knows that everything is coming out all right, and in the unean time every body enjoys the successive triumpls and merry gloutings of the villain. He takes such lively and hilarious delight in all his own proceedings that this sentiment becomes intectious. The audience is worked up into such a capital and buoyant humor that when the Spanish guerrilias break into the rectory and proceed to shatter all the glass in the big double door with their machetes, and burst the doors open, only to give entrance to an overwheiming loody of Cubaus, flags and all, the curtain comes down amid wild cheering and joy ful enthusiasm. designs with Mephistophelean laughter; and during those other moments he is standing be

The war play, "Cuba Free," which had a the creator and the interpreter of music. The single performance at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening for a charity, is also full of stirring incidents, or incidents which might be made stirring by a company of strong play ers, but it has some noticeable peculiarities i the way of anachronism. In the first act one of the minor characters refers to the X rays, which is rather more up to date than the Cuban soldiers can be expected to be; but throughout the play Campos is referred to as the Captain-General, and the barbarities of the war are laid at his door, whereas the Star Theatre play is brought up to date by references to Weyler. The culminating anachronism, how ever, comes in the last act. The scene is the ever, comes in the last act. The scene is the camp of the insurgent commander-in-chief, José Agramonte. He holds the villain, a comical person, as prisoner of war, and compels him to write a letter of false information to Campos, which is sent to the Captain General by means of a bilindfolded Spanish messenger who has come to negotiate an exchange of prisoners. Almost immediately news is brought of the desertion and defection of large bodies of Spanish trems and the general breaking oners. Almost immediately news is brought of the desertion and defection of large bodies of Spanish troops and the general breaking up of the army of Campos, and the hero starts off to give battle just as the stage is darkened for a change of scene. This took some time Thursslay right, but when the lights are turned on again the audience is rewarded by the sight of the massive interior of a palace in Havana, with the here and the chief General of the Spanish army classing hands over a table draped with the Cuban flag. We soon learn that the insurgents have been victorious, and that the people have decided to form a republican government and to make Agramonte their President. Agramente announces that he is going to be like theorye Washington, but he spoke so low on Thursday that the audience did not hear him. Then he has Martinez Campos brought in to sign a paper recognizing Free Cuba, and presently a cable comes from the King of Spain also recognizing Free Cuba, and the play ends.

The Sixth Thomas Concert.

The symphony chosen for performance at the Thomas concert vesterday was Dvorak's "From the New World," which was amply discussed in these columns at the time of its initial production. It was played exceedingly well by the orchestra, the second movement, the large, in particular, being given with great delicacy and more tenderness than the Chicago men had previously shown in their interpretations.

Following the symphony came Mr. Joseffy with a startlingly correct and brilliant rendering of Lizzi's A major concerts, a showy and effective composition which taxes a player's technique and physical endurance well nigh to their utmost. The concerto is admirably surfed to Mr. Joseffy's special qualifications, and be acquitted himself of his task in a manner that excited the liveliest enthusiasm, in response to which he was gractous enough to give as an encore the same movement from the Brahms sociata which he played last Monday.

In the second part of the programme the orchestra played two Wagner selections, the "Bacchanale" from "Tambhuser" and the "Stegfried Idyl," and placed them with technical precision, but without sufficient warmth or variety in shading. This was specially the case with the Bocchanale. That wild and weird composition by Bredgard Strates. "Hit Edienspead, e.c., was dat on the 1st, and its knowledgard people from the state of dreamy contemplation into which the "lifty" had seathed them. Strates's fantastic mission was given with skill and verve, but not with the clean-out brilliancy that distinguished its playing recently by the Boston orchestra. technique and physical endurance well nigh to but not with the clean-out brilliancy that dis tinguished its playing recently by the Rostor orchestra.

Pauline Hall a Mother.

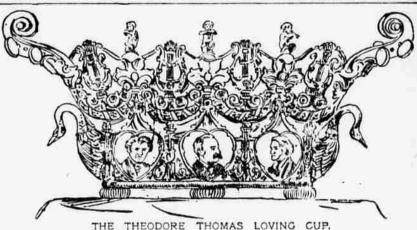
Manager Lederer of the Casino received word from George B. McLetian, the husband of Pauine Hall, the well-known opera singer, that she had given berth to a daughter yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. McLellan live at the Hotel Majeatic.



LOVING CUP FOR THEO. THOMAS. A Splendid Tribute From Name of the Musteinn's Admirers.

The loving cup to be presented to Theodore Thomas at the Metropolitan Opera House tonight was exhibited yesterday at Tiffany's. It is not accurate to describe the memorial as a loving cup, that title referring rather to the sentiment than to the gift's design. It is in reality a centre piece in gold and silver, and the intent of its designer was to adapt the form of a crown to this purpose. The piece stands about

with ivy leaves, which denote friendship. Above these is an oak leaf supporting the triumphal bambino. The practical usefulness of the gift s assured by an ornament in the form of a Greek lyre, which is placed at intervals around the top, and so arranged that the memorial takes the form of a punch bowl. It is of oval shape and at each end is a volute in the form of a violin.



a foot high and its bowl is surrounded with six medallions enclosing the pictures of Mr. Thomas and five of the musicians that he has been particularly successful in interpreting. These are Wagner, Berlioz, Brahms, Rubenstein, and Beethoven. Between these heart-shaped medallions is an ornamental torch of Hymen, denoting the union of the creator and the interpreter of music. The swans of "Lohengrin" are introduced into the dallions are the loops of the crown adorned

ornamentation, and above the gallery of me-DISORDERLY HOUSE RAIDED.

One of the Inmates Says that She Was Forced to Stay in It. Frederick Schubert and three young women vere arrested at a little café at 156 Allen street last night. He was accused of keeping a

disorderly house. One of the girls, who says she is Anni Brelauer, 19 years old, of 91 First avenue, de-clared that Schubert had betrayed her a week ago under premise of marriage, and had com-pelled her to stay at the cafe. An additional charge, based on her statement, was recorded against Schubert.

Senators Inspect Armor Making.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 27. - Senators Chandler, Tiilman, Bacon, and Kyle of the United States Senate Naval Committee, and Senator Squire, Chairman of the Coast Defence Committee, were here to-day inspecting the plant of the Bethlehem Iron Company, A steel ingot that will eventually be one of the plates of the battle ship lowa was taken from the furnace and put through the pressing process to reduce it. A turret plate was also shown them beneath the rolling machine. Senator Tillman said he learned more by his visit than be would have learned in twenty years by listening to experts in Washington.

The Iowa to He Launched To-day.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27. Gov. Drake of lowa and his daughter Mary, with their party, who will attend the launch of the battle ship Iowa at Cramps's shipwards to morrow, resolute Philadelphia this afternoon. The launch will take place at 1:30 F. M. Mes brake will christen the vessel. Zeisler, Ernest Neyer, C. W. McAlpin, Gerritt Smith, Addison F. Andrews, Robert Jaffray, Jr. J. M, Lander, Arthur Foote, Dr. H. H. Hol-brook Curtis, William C. Carl, John L. Burdett, B. J. Lang, Arthur Mees, S. B., Whitney, Mont-gomery Schuyler, and Rudolph Aronson.

THE CIGARETTE LITIGATION. The Case to Go On for Four Weeks and Then to Be Adjourned Till June.

The cigarette fight in the Chancery Court in Newark is likely to be a long one. Refore testimony was taken yesterday Vice-Chancellow Reed advised with the lawyers as to the best course to pursue. He was in favor of reading only the substance of the vast volume of written testimony, but some of the lawvers upon both sides desired to have it read in full. The Vice-Chancellor then said that he would

give four weeks to the case, leaving out motion. days, and then there would be an adjournment until June, when the case would go on to the

end.
Testimony was read from H. J. and Joseph Park of Park & Tiford vesterday. It was to the effect that the firm took a consignment of 25,000 Admiral eigenetes from the National Cigarette and Tobacco Company and after selling one-tenth of the consignment returned the remainder, because Secretary Butler of the American Tobacco Company informed them that if they persisted in selling Admiral cigarettes they would get no more of the American company's goods. Ofter similar testimony was given by members of smaller firms.

Annie MeGenth Buried,

PHILADELPHIA, March 27. The cause of the death of Annie J. McGrath is as much a mystery as ever, and, unit for Ledimann completes his analysis of the dead girls viscera, this part of the case will remain uncolved. The report of for, Ledimann will isolately not be presented to coroner Asi bridge before Monday The funeral of Miss Medirath took place this afternoon from the residence of her parents, 2,018 (cast street, The Interment was made in Mount Moriah Comiercy. death of Annie J. McGrath is as much a mystery

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